

St. George Orthodox Church

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BLESSINGS ON THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ON MOUNT TABOR!

Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. If you are a first-time visitor, please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you after liturgy, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command *to eat His Body and drink His Blood*. In order to be properly prepare to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians: We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately, we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (*antidoron*) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. Again, welcome!

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open for all parishioners and visitors. If you cannot attend, please pray with us through our livestream which can be seen on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintGeorgeOrthodoxChurchFlintMI>

If you have a smart TV, you actually have a web browser and YouTube app built in. All you have to do is start the browser app for YouTube and put the link in the address bar.

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- George and Jeanette Nassif and family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Nick** Saseen (9 day, Jeanette's brother) and son **Paul**.
- Rose Ayoub and Cam Takach for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Kendall** Ayoub (1 year, son of Rose and brother of Cam).
- Renee (Elias) Mitri, Jane (Issa) Abueita, and Samieh Emiah for the health of their families and in loving memory of parents **Mariam** (9 year) and **Nakhleh** Khoury.

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and students who are celebrating the day of their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

- **Taym** and **Tia** Al-Qassis ~ August 13th
- **Jehad** Abufarah, **Talia** Jarayseh, and **Anna Maria** Abdallah ~ August 17th
- **Leyla** and **Zayna** Andoni, and **Jiries** Awad ~ August 19th

May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Elizabeth** [Farah] Shammas (+July 6th, former parishioner), **Sunita** Nath (+July 13th, mother of Anirudh [Suha Abueita-Nath's husband]), and **Mother Nektaria** (+August 9th) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our **Bishop Anthony**, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Reader Fouad** and **Soad** Abuaita, **Philip** and **Janett** Abuaita, **Rasha** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Georgette** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsahouri, **Naila** Banna, **Vera** Daoud, **Said** Farah, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Karen** Mortensen, **Laura** Nassar, **Adam** Odeh, **Rahmeh** Rashmawi, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, and **Christa** Whitehead; **Basheer**, **Aziza**, and newborn **Salma** Hawwash (July 10th); the **staff** and **summer campers** at our **Antiochian Village** especially our parishioner **Lana** Abuaita.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Rania** and **Raed** AbuAita, **Julia** and **Maroun** Alatrash, **Renea** and **Rakan** Bayouk, **Dania** and **Subdeacon Salim** Hanna, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Letizia** and **Branden** Jones, **Christine** and **Matthew** Krinock (daughter of Ayman and Wafaa Elias), **Dina** and **Laith** Maymoun, **Amanda** and **Mousa** Rishmawi, & **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita) and **John** Timm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and hosted by *Renee (Elias) Mitri, Jane (Issa) Abueita, and Samieh Emiah*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: August 20th, September 3rd, 17th, and 24th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge. Hosting includes bringing whatever you wish to serve, setting up, and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$30. **For more information**, contact Manal Abuaita.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE VIRGIN MARY There are many customs surrounding this feast and it's remembrance throughout the world. In some places in the Middle East, they have a "**Wheat and Meat**" Dinner. We will be doing this for the first time on the feast this Tuesday, August 15th at 5pm. This meal will be prepared by members of our Men's Fellowship who are graciously providing this to our St. George Family at no cost. **Please RSVP so food can be ordered** to Anwar Abueita 810-394-2918, Khalid AlKhoury 810-8674669, or Tony Daoud 810-730-1011. All are invited!

ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC

September 23rd at Flushing Valley
Golf Club.

Mark your calendar, more info coming!



OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS



Our stewardship, offerings, and donations are needed. PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer your gifts! If you cannot come to church, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line (or use the QR code to the left) or you can bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507. As always, THANK YOU for your generosity and love of our St. George!

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY IN-PERSON LUNCH AND BAKE SALE This is for our community, family, and friends on Thursday, September 21st from 11am-2pm. Take-out or delivered (8 meals or more) are available. Tickets are available from any member. Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries, see Tony Daoud. For more information, please contact Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028) or Anaam Abueita (810-962-1033). Cooking Schedule this week at 10am each day: Wednesday: Kibbee and Friday: Meat Pies. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, contact Sally Abuaita (810-965-1046). **Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.**

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline The **Dormition Fast** for the **Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Virgin Mary** began on Tuesday, August 1st and lasts until the feast on August 15th. The traditional fasting discipline during this fourteen-day period is *no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil and their by-products*, except on Saturdays and Sundays when *wine and olive oil* are allowed. This Wednesday, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of *no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil and their by-products*.

Monday Combined, Pan-Orthodox **Great Vespers** for the **Dormition of the Virgin Mary at Assumption** (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439) 6pm

Tuesday Combined, Pan-Orthodox **Matins** (9am) and **Divine Liturgy** (10am) for the **Dormition of the Virgin Mary at Assumption** (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439)

Thursday **Parish Council** Dinner Meeting 6:15pm

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 4pm

Holy Confession ~

In Confession We Humble Ourselves Before Another Person

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery

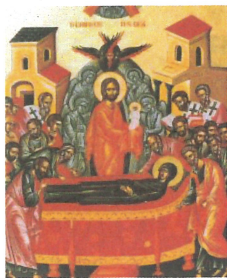
on Vashon Island, Washington

It is only out of delusion we believe we do not need others to see, understand, and treat our spiritual sickness. Anyone who believes that he alone can cure his spiritual diseases has isolated himself from a Mystery of the Church and will come to ruin. Only with the help of others are we saved, for within the Christian faith, salvation comes not in a self-focused void, but in the collective nature that is the Church. The Mystery of Confession, established by Our Lord, is a clear sign of the biblical truth that we need the Church, and we need the Mystery of Confession.

In confession we do not simply regret past evil but recognize the darkened vision of our own condition, in which sin, by separating us from God, has reduced us to a divided, autonomous existence, depriving us of both our natural glory and our true freedom. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The Sacrament of Confession is important because it constitutes the cure of spiritual illness. Since the goal of the Christian life is transformation in Christ, ridding ourselves of the corrupt and diseased fallen self, it must begin with the death of the ego. We humble ourselves before the priest, when we confess our sins, for it is not just that Christ hears us. Christ hears us because of our act of humility in baring our souls in front of another person. Thus, Scripture establishes confession, recounts Christ's gift of authority to the Apostles and their successors to bestow forgiveness to penitents, and exhorts us to confess even to one another (James 5:16), since through one another we achieve humility and, mystically, this joins us to Christ.





***DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
ORTHODOX MONASTERY***

Mother GABRIELLA - Abbess

**36TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE
CELEBRATION
2023**

**Guest of Honor:
His Grace Bishop DANIEL
Diocese of the Midwest, OCA**

**Hosted by
Archbishop NATHANIEL
Bishop ANDREI**

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14

6:00 pm Vigil of the Feast with Lamentations.

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 am Akathist, 3rd Hour, 6th Hour.

Procession to the Pavilion

10:00 am Hierarchal Holy Liturgy.

2:30 pm Mystery of Holy Unction.

5:30 pm Vespers

6:30 pm Supper

Guests are asked to bring their own lunch.

The monastery will provide refreshments and sweets.

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